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SUBJECT: STRIDENT GOC PROTEST OF USINT AND OTHER MISSIONS, OBSERVATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DAY EVENTS

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Classified By: COM JONATHAN D. FARRAR FOR REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D)

1. (C) Summary. Foreign Ministry (MINREX) summoned COM on December 12 to protest USINT observation of Human Rights Day activities in Havana. 7  
2. (C) COM received a phone call Saturday morning from MINREX North American Affairs Director Josefina Vidal to request he come to the Ministr  
3. (C) Vidal gave COM a diplomatic note (scanned and faxed to WHA/CCA) protesting in strong language the activities of USINT's two human right  
4. (C) In response, COM said the note was inaccurate in asserting that USINT officers had participated in public activities. Our officers were  
5. (C) Vidal then read from a Note Verbale (which she declined to provide) complaining about what she described as three earlier incidents wit  
6. (C/NF) Cuban television on December 11 ran a video report on Human Rights Day which, with creative editing, linked USINT officials at Humar  
7. (C) Consular Access: COM took the opportunity while at MINREX to raise the issue of consular access to the detained Amcit arrested on Decen  
8. (C) Comment and action request: Saturday's protest is the latest in a series of what are fairly aggressive responses or initiatives by the  
9. (SBU) As COM and Vice-Consul were departing MINREX, COM mentioned to Vidal that we were working on a response to the GOC protest note earli  
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